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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON SOVIET REFUGEES

1. IN VIEW OF PRESS STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO REP EILBERG
AVERRING THAT PAROLE HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR EX-USSR REFU-
GEES NOW IN ITALY, DEPARTMENT PREPARED FOLLOWING PRESS
GUIDANCE WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES. GUIDANCE
HAS NOT YET BEEN USED AS NO QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED.
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2. Q. HAS THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT
REQUESTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PAROLE INTO THE UNITED
STATES THE BACKLOG OF SOVIET REFUGEES WHO ARE NOW IN
ITALY?

A. YES, THE SECRETARY WROTE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON

DECEMBER 17 RECOMMENDING THE USE OF THE PAROLE AUTHORITY BECAUSE OF THE BUILD-UP OF SOVIET REFUGEES IN ITALY SEEKING IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S. MOST HAD LEFT THE USSR WITH SOVIET EXIT VISAS FOR ISRAEL BUT QUOTE DROPPED OUT UNQUOTE OF THE ISRAELI PIPELINE FOR THE U.S. AS OF THAT DATE THERE WERE SOME 3,000 IN ITALY AND THE TOTAL NUMBER WAS EXPECTED TO EXCEED 4,000 BY THE END OF DECEMBER.

3. Q. WHY HAS THERE BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER IN ITALY WAITING FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES?

A. THE ACCUMULATION HAS RESULTED IN PART FROM THE INCREASED DROP-OUT RATE (NOW ABOUT 50) IN VIENNA FROM THE FLOW OF SOVIET REFUGEES WHO LEAVE THE USSR WITH SOVIET EXIT VISAS FOR ISRAEL, AND THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 203(A)(D) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT, AND LACK OF SUFFICIENT NON-PREFERENCE VISA NUMBERS WHICH ARE OFTEN USED FOR DEPENDENTS.

4. Q. ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE JEWS?

A. NO, THE GREAT MAJORITY ARE JEWS BUT NOT ALL.

5. Q. HAS THE PAROLE AUTHORITY BEEN USED FOR OTHER REFUGEES IN THE PAST?

A. YES. IT WAS USED FOR HUNGARIAN REFUGEES IN 1956, "UBAN RE"UGEES AND MOST RECENTLY FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT WAS ALSO USED TEMPORARILY IN 1973 AND 1974 FOR SOVIET REFUGEES FOR THE SAME REASON.

6. Q. WHAT IS PAROLE?

A. PAROLE IS A MEANS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 212(D)(5) OF THE INA TO GRANT ENTRY TO REFUGEES. IT REQUIRES THE APPROVAL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HAS TRADITIONALLY INVOLVED CONSULTATIONS WITH INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

7. Q. WHY IS THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDING THESE EMERGENCY MEASURES?

A. WE BELIEVE THE USE OF PAROLE IS CONSISTENT WITH CONGRESSIONAL INTENT FOR ASSISTANCE TO SOVIET REFUGEES. MOREOVER, THERE ARE OTHER BASIC HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS TO WHICH THIS PROGRAM IS INTENDED TO RESPOND.

8. HAS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVED THE SECRETARY'S
PROPOSED PAROLE PROGRAM FOR SOVIET REFUGEES IN ITALY?

A. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED OFFICIAL WORD FROM THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVING THE PROPOSAL. WE UNDERSTAND
THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRIOR TO APPROVAL
INTENDS TO CONSULT WITH THE INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL
COMMITTEES.

9. Q. WHAT ABOUT THIS PRESS RELEASE BY REP. EILBERG
INFERRING APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM?

A. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE MR. EILBERG'S SUPPORT FOR THE
PROPOSAL. HE WROTE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RECOMMENDING
SUCH A PROGRAM.
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